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11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
FREE Admission for All Ages



WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY
Christmas
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR



Christmas Decorating Contest

Get in the holiday spirit! The lights are starting to be hung. Put your creativity to work and have some FUN! The Crestwood Recreation Board will host its annual Christmas decorating contest, looking at houses December 14th-20th. Residents can submit their home addresses to the Village until then, and we will make sure to give submitted addresses an extra look. Winners will be announced in the January issue of the Crestwood Adviser, and we will try to post the addresses on the Village website before Christmas. The winners will also receive award signs for their front yards. The cash prizes are: 1st Place Prize, \$300; 2nd Place Prize, \$200; and 3rd Place Prize, \$100.

There are many beautifully decorated homes in Crestwood, so choosing the top three is a difficult task. Take a drive through our village to see the decorated homes. Feel free to call the **Village Hall at (708) 371-4800** with addresses of any that you feel deserve recognition. Get involved and add to your enjoyment of the holiday season!



Letter From the Mayor

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

At the close of another year, we remind ourselves what 2015 has brought us. For many, there were great joys such as births, marriages, memorable vacations and retirement parties. Some of our neighbors however, faced challenges with health, finances, the loss of loved ones and family turmoil. As Mayor, I have the opportunity to often share in your joyful moments and the obligation to help you and your family find the help you need when times are tough. Please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or one of our village trustees if you, or someone you know, needs a helping hand. We are more than just a village on a map. We are a community — an extended family— and like all families, we stick together in both good times and bad.

The final days of this year are upon us, I would like to reflect on some of the services our village has brought to everyone and the plans that I and your Trustees have made to secure a bright future for Crestwood and the great people who call our village home.

We are working hard to complete our plans for the Route 83 Corridor. We continue to meet with potential developers and have made great progress in reducing the mammoth mound of soil and rock that for decades resided along the Cal Sag. While we were told that removing the dirt would cost us over twenty million dollars, we were able

to workout a deal with Ozinga Brothers, to cut the cost less than half. We were able to do this with the help of the City of Chicago, by bring over a 100,000 cubic tons of dirt for a new lakefront development along Fullerton avenue. It is no small matter negotiating such tradeoffs, but thanks to the dedication of your Trustees and the close ties of friendship and trust we have developed with leaders throughout Cook County. We have been able to accomplish this major undertaking.

Our intentions are clear that any development on this property will benefit our entire community. We plan to release full details of all proposals to everyone as soon as possible.

Additional negotiations with attorneys representing the 360 plaintiffs who filed lawsuits have brought about an agreement that we hope to conclude in early 2016. This agreement, which will end a stormy chapter in our villages history, has paved the way for us to offer every Crestwood child free participation in one of the five sports clubs that operate in our village. Our intentions with this program are to ensure our young people have alternatives to drugs and gangs. While we are doing everything we can to ensure recreational activities and entry level jobs for young people, a major factor in preventing such activity must come from families, friends and neighbors. Some times



Village Hall

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Our goal is to report the news as fully, fairly and as accurately as possible. Your comments and suggestions are encouraged, by phone or in writing, whether or not you wish such letters to be published.

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Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 8:00pm-10:00pm

Crestwood Civic Center | 14025 Kostner Ave | December 3rd and 17th

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm-9:00pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | December 1st and 15th

Planning Commission – Zoning Board 8:30pm-10:00pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | December 7th and 21st

Recreation Commission - 6:30pm-8:30pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | December 1st and 15th

Letter From the Mayor

tough love is required to help someone turn around the downward spiral caused by illegal drugs. Our police officers are trained to address such problems and to get you the help you need before it is too late.

Our emphasis on recreation during the past year didn't just include our young people. We are nearing completion of a major renovation at our health and recreation center with new carpeting, lockers and exercise equipment. Our membership rates make the center the best deal around and with new amenities and a highly professional staff, we are prepared to help you keep your 2016 resolutions to get in shape and stay in shape.

You may have noticed the lighting improvements we made along Cicero Ave as well as the many new businesses opening there as well. The Tinley Creek project to decrease flooding is underway thanks to the great partnership we share with our County Commissioner, Patricia Murphy and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD). We have added what I hope will become an annual tradition with a Christmas tree lighting program for our town. Our police and fire departments have protected our property and saved lives throughout the year and still found time to support Special Olympics in our annual Battle in the Burbs event hosted at Standard Bank Stadium. We also enjoyed ourselves under the new big screen at our "Sparks in the Park" event which was followed by a grand, professional fireworks display.

While providing services to our community is a priority, fiscal responsibility is an imperative that I, as your Mayor, insist upon. I am pleased to report that we will enter 2016 with a balanced budget and conclude 2015 with a surplus of funds. I and your Trustees have met with our annual auditors for their report and we are happy to move forward to reinstituting a property tax rebate for all property owning residents and business property owners in Crestwood.

There are challenges that remain before us including the need for infrastructure repairs and additional flooding reduction in various parts of the village. Both of these conditions are currently being addressed with engineers and with our partners at the MWRD

In the last several weeks it may seem to some that our world is filled with chaos and danger. I want you to know that the protection of our citizens and properties here in Crestwood are being met with the constant vigilance of our Police and Fire Departments. Both Departments spend countless hours training for response and prevention of threats along with departments from Cook County and surrounding towns and villages. I don't want fear to change the way we work and live here in Crestwood. I want to assure you and your family that while the chance of something bad happening in our village is remote. We still work hard every minute of every day to make sure such things remain far away from your doorsteps.

I hope that when you gather with your friends and family this Christmas season, that you remind each other of the blessings we have. Lets remember to keep the young men and women who are serving in the armed forces in our prayers and who will spend this Christmas, ensuring that our Holiday is peaceful and bright.

On behalf of myself, my wife Jeanine , our Trustees and their families, and all the men and women who serve and protect this village, I wish for you and your loved ones the blessings and hope that is Christmas.

Merry Christmas

Lou Presta
Mayor Lou Presta



Crestwood’s Christmas Tree Display

The Crestwood Recreation Commission is doing a Christmas/Holiday tree display this year. The trees will be decorated by different organizations in which Crestwood children and residents are involved — for example, there will be trees done by each of the Crestwood sports organizations. We are reaching out to the schools and other groups to see if they would like to participate. We hope to have at least 12 trees on display; we may add two if necessary.

Trees are donated by Crestwood resident Craig Bond, proprietor of the tree lot at St. Christopher’s parking lot, 14700 Keeler.

The live Christmas trees will be installed outside Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center shortly after Thanksgiving. We will give them a few days to fall out and then for Recreation Commission and volunteers to install 200-300 multicolor lights on each tree. The organizations will be able to decorate the trees from Thursday, Dec. 3rd to Wednesday, Dec. 9th during regular business hours. See below for allowable and recommended ornaments. These are the same guidelines used at Brookfield Zoo.

There needs to be sufficient parental supervision while the organizations are decorating the trees. Ornaments should be brought with you and ready to be hung. Some of the decorations should reflect your organization. After some discussions with a few of the groups, it was decided that the organizations will provide their own sign to place in front of their tree that way they can be personalized. Signs should be large enough to read but no larger than 18” x 24”, can be any shape, and must be able to stand on their own in front of your tree.

On Saturday, December 12th, from 11am-2pm Santa will visit the children at the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center. The Christmas trees will all be decorated by then and the signs will let parents and children know which group decorated which tree, a little advertisement for your group for the toddlers seeing Santa. The trees will still NOT be lit at this time. The Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be from 5-5:30pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus will come back at that time to help throw the switch to light the trees. Christmas lights will be turned on approximately 5:10pm. There will be Christmas music, maybe some Caroling.

The ornaments need to withstand the elements of winter. Ornaments should be painted, varnished, shellacked, or laminated (this does not include food items). Water-soluble glue (Elmer’s) is NOT recommended.

Village of Crestwood Community Tree Decoration Guidelines
Please share these guidelines with everyone in your organization. Ornaments made from the materials listed below are not allowed to be hung on the trees and will be removed. Please keep in mind the health and safety of the animals when constructing your ornaments.*Be creative!

Materials NOT Recommended for Ornaments:

- FOOD ITEMS (including but not limited to):**
- Food on strings (popcorn, cereal, cranberries, peanuts, pasta, marshmallows)
 - Candy canes
 - Ice cream cones with birdseed
 - Graham crackers
 - Cereal
 - Suet with bird seed
 - Peanut butter balls with bird seed
 - Dog biscuits
 - Pine cones dipped in peanut butter
 - Pet food

- NON-DURABLE ITEMS:**
- Ornaments made of dough
 - Varnished or shellacked dough
 - Strung Styrofoam “peanuts”
 - Objects with jagged edges
 - Un-laminated paper
- OTHER:**
- Tinsel (or icicles)
 - Straw
 - Glass
 - Anything valuable*

- Materials Recommended for Ornaments:**
- Decorated popsicle sticks
 - Laminated paper
 - Styrofoam balls
 - Plastic needlepoint clothespins
 - Foil-wrapped objects
 - Strung beads
 - Yarn
 - Fabric
 - Soda cans
 - Wood items
 - Plastic containers (film, margarine)
 - Plastic milk bottles



Hot chocolate courtesy of Starbucks in Crestwood. Also big thanks to store manager Chris, and best of luck as you make your move to a bigger location and much welcomed drive-thru!



Village of Crestwood Toy Drive

The Village of Crestwood will once again begin to collect new toys to help out The Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation. In the past years, the Village has been successful in collecting new toys to deliver to many children through this organization’s generosity. Our toy drive will start December 1st, and end December 23rd. There will be a bin located inside the Village Hall where the toys can be dropped off. We encourage our residents and businesses to participate in any way they can. Your involvement is greatly appreciated. ONLY NEW TOYS ARE ACCEPTED. NO STUFFED ANIMALS OF ANY KIND, PLEASE.

The Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing comfort and distraction to children and teens who have been diagnosed with cancer and are enduring painful procedures, providing gifts from a treasure chest. The Foundation supports more than 9,300 children and teens each month who are diagnosed with cancer and treated at one of 45 hospitals nationwide. The Foundation depends on contributions of money, toys and gifts through personal and corporate channels.

You can make a difference in the lives of children suffering with cancer by donating toys to the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation’s bin inside the Village Hall Dec. 1st-23rd.

Crestwood Holiday Food Drive Needs Your Help

The annual Village of Crestwood Holiday Food Drive is once again in full swing, and will continue accepting donations **through Wednesday, Dec. 16th, 2015**. The Village asks for your assistance in making this year’s drive the success that it can be. If you have any non-perishable food items that you care to donate — such as rice, peanut butter, jelly, soup, canned fruit or vegetables, juice or pasta — please consider dropping them off at the Clerk’s Office at Village Hall (13840 S. Cicero Ave.). In addition, if you know of a family who might be in need and could benefit from the Holiday Food Drive, please contact the Clerk’s Office at **(708) 371-4800** no later than Friday, Dec. 11, 2015. Help provide a delicious Christmas dinner to many of your fellow Crestwood residents who may not otherwise have one.




In the Works ...

- Final plans for the new drive-thru Starbucks at the location of the old Omega Restaurant have recently been submitted to the Village.
- Efforts to rid the Wal-Mart parking lot of overnight parkers in semi trailers, via fines and tows for those found to be in violation.
- Assistance in the plans to erect fencing between residents and Crestwood Terrace.
- Work on the new parking lot at Standard Bank Stadium through a grant program.
- The sprinkler system at the football field has been completed.
- Awaiting the delivery of a new digital Village sign at Village Hall.
- Working on repair/replacement of roofing on the low water tower.




Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, **be fire smart!**

Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of




Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and **as far away as possible from your house.**

Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least **once a month.**




Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**


Heating equipment is involved in **1 in every 6** reported **home fires** and **1 in every 5 home fire deaths.**



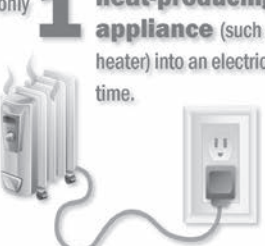
Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least **10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.




Keep anything that can burn at least **3 feet from any heat source** like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.



Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/ and www.nfpa.org/winter/




Investigate Before You Donate

The holidays are here. Be giving, but on guard. Every day, charities throughout Illinois work tirelessly to serve the less fortunate. Unfortunately, there are also fraudulent charities that prey upon the generosity of Illinois citizens. Fraudulent charities may make misleading solicitations or solicit for phony causes. These con artists take advantage of citizens and harm legitimate charities.

To ensure that your donation goes to a legitimate charity, give wisely. Ask questions, gather information and donate only when you are satisfied that your money will be used in ways you consider appropriate.

Today, more than 25,000 legitimate charitable organizations are registered with my office. These organizations regularly provide my office with information about their income, expenditures, programs and administrators. If you are interested in learning more about a particular organization, or want to know if a charity that has solicited you for a donation is registered, please contact the Charitable Trust Bureau at (312) 814-2595 (TTY: 1-800-964-3013).


Lisa Madigan
Attorney Generals Office

Taxpayers Beware of Fraudulent Mailing

A fraudulent solicitation was recently mailed to many Cook County taxpayers regarding a property's Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC). The letter states it is from the Assessor's Office and that the county will provide a 5-percent property tax discount if taxpayers fax a copy of their bank statement. This letter is fraudulent and was NOT sent by the Cook County Assessor's Office. If you received this letter and have already submitted your bank information, we suggest you contact your bank immediately.



Crestwood to Receive STP Funding for Turnpike Sidewalk

Government acronyms can be mysterious — mystery solved.

The Village of Crestwood is pleased to be part of the Southwest Conference of Mayors (SCM), which is our allocating agency for Surface Transportation Program (STP) monies. We will be on the receiving end of grant money \$170,000 allocated for the engineering end of the sidewalk project along the Turnpike.

The STP provides flexible funding that is used by states and localities on any federal-aid highway, bridge projects on any public road, transit capital projects, and bus terminals and facilities. The federal share for the program generally is 80 percent, but is subject to a sliding-scale adjustment. STP funds can be used for bicycle and/or pedestrian projects, or elements of projects.

Northeastern Illinois is divided into 11 Councils of Mayors, which are allocated STP funding on the basis of population for local transportation projects. Each Council oversees the planning and programming of these STP funds within their own regions, and each has developed its own set of project selection guidelines.

All projects will be approved by the individual Council and then will be reviewed by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). All selected projects must be submitted to CMAP for inclusion in the region's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

For more information about the Council of Mayors, see the CMAP webpage: www.cmap.illinois.gov/council-of-mayors.

Mayor Presta and the Board of Trustees have heard the requests of many to report crimes in our Village. Working with our Police Department, a compiled snapshot of a month’s reporting will be shown here in the Adviser. Our intent is to inform the public in order to protect and be vigilant in calling upon our Police. The Mayor urges all to stay tuned in to your neighbors’ well-being and property. Call our police, report suspicious activity, be aware. (911 or Dispatch non-Emergency 708-385-5131).

Deceptive Practice

10-14-2015: A resident reported that she received an iPhone in the mail that was sent by Sprint. Upon contacting Sprint, it was discovered that someone had opened an account in the victim’s name without permission.

10-17-2015: A resident reported that he discovered several transactions on his credit card that had occurred at Speedway. The victim still has possession of his card and does not know how the transactions were made.

10-17-2015: A resident reported that as she was checking her online banking, she discovered several money transfers that she did not authorize.

10-24-2015: A resident reported that she received multiple letter in the mail informing her that she was denied credit applications for credit cards that she never applied for. It was then discovered that other credit cards had been approved in the victim’s name that were being used.

10-27-2015: One of our elderly residents was contacted on the phone and told that he was the winner of \$8 million through PricewaterhouseCooper Sweepstakes. The victim was told that that he would have to cover the legal fees and paperwork. In a 30-day period, our victim has sent over \$30,000 in electronic wire transfers and money orders to an out-of-state address.*

*NOTE: The only way we are ever going to stop these crimes from happening is with education. Please take just a few minutes and reach out to a senior, whether it be a parent, aunt/uncle, grandparent, or neighbor, and explain to them how easy it is to be taken advantage of. These con artists are professionals, and they prey on the seniors. We need your help to stop it!

IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS!

Burglary/Robbery/Weapons

10-02-2015: Unknown suspects gained entry into Dillagaf’s Pub and took cash from a cash register and change box.

Thefts

10-02-2015: Unknown suspects took miscellaneous items from an open trunk on a vehicle on the 140th block of Willow Lane.

10-06-2015:Unknown suspects entered an unlocked vehicle and stole multiple items in the 13300 block of LeClaire Ave.

10-07-2015: A woman reported that her purse was stolen while she was shopping in the Target store and within 30 minutes her credit cards had been used at five different locations.

10-07-2015: A woman reported her purse missing while shopping at Walmart. A check of the surveillance cameras showed a man in a brown jacket walk up to her cart and remove her purse as the victim was looking away.

10-09-2015: A resident reported that a package that had been delivered by the postal service had been stolen in the 13100 block of Forest View Lane.

10-09-2015: A resident reported that her purse was lost or stolen while she was shopping at Joanne Fabrics. However, the wallet was later returned to her and left in her mailbox at her residence.

10-09-2015: A woman reported that her purse was either lost or stolen while she was shopping at Walmart.

10-13-2015: Unknown subjects entered a vehicle and stole miscellaneous items in the 4400 block of 141st Place.

10-16-2015: Unknown suspects gained entry into two unlocked vehicles and took miscellaneous items in the 13100 block of West End Lane.

10-29-2015: Unknown suspects stole four tires from the National Guard Armory valued at \$4000.00.

10-29-2015: A resident reported that two boxes had been delivered to her residence by the postal service. However, they were taken by an unknown suspect.

Retail Thefts

10-07-2015: A male was arrested after attempting to steal \$123.00 worth of merchandise from Walmart.

10-16-2015: A male was arrested at Walmart and charged with retail theft after he attempted to steal \$139.00 worth of merchandise.

10-26-2015: A male was arrested at Walmart and charged with retail theft after attempting to steal \$91.71 worth of merchandise.

16 people were issued local ordinance citations for retail theft during the month of October.

No License/Suspended Driver Arrest

10-03-2015: A male was arrested in the vicinity of 127th and Cal-Sag Road after his vehicle drove off the road and into the heavily wooded area. The driver was charged with improper lane usage, driving under the influence of alcohol, and driving on an expired license.

10-03-2015: A male was arrested after an accident occurred behind the Pepe’s restaurant at 13625 Cicero Ave. A vehicle drove through the rear fence, striking several cars before running into the building and the rear of another building. The driver was charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and driving under the influence of alcohol.

10-13-2015: A male was arrested and charged with disobeying a stop sign and driving with a suspended license in the 4900 block of Midlothian Turnpike.

10-30-2015: A female was arrested in the 5200 block of 135th Street after being involved in an accident while driving on a suspended license and without insurance.

10-31-2015: A male was arrested in the 5200 block of Midlothian Turnpike and charged with speeding and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Criminal Damage

10-16-2015: Unknown suspects broke a window on a vehicle in the 13600 block of LaVergne Ave.

10-29-2015: Unknown suspects damaged a vehicle by scratching the sides of the vehicle in the 5700 block of 129th Street.

Warrant Service

10-17-2015: A male was arrested in the 13700 block of Cicero Ave. for an outstanding warrant from Homewood for driving while suspended.

10-24-2015: A male was arrested in the 13600 block of Cicero Ave. for an outstanding warrant from the Cook County Sheriff’s Police for criminal damage to government property.

Crestwood Police Issue Alert for Crimes Against Elderly

The Crestwood Police Department is investigating another deceptive practice crime against a Senior Citizen.

One of our elderly residents was contacted on the phone and told that he was the winner of 8 million dollars through PricewaterHouseCoopers. The victim was told that that he would have to cover the legal fees and paperwork. In a 30-day period, our victim sent over \$30,000 in electronic wire transfers and money orders to out-of-state addresses.

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- Do not let any strangers in your home
- Do not give any information over the phone



- Do not send any money to anyone that request it, unless you have confirmed who they are.
- Do not allow anyone to pressure you, even if they threaten you with collection agencies or even arrest, this is usually a scam.
- Do not believe anyone who says they are the IRS and you owe money.
- Do not believe anyone who says that your relatives are in jail or in the hospital and need money, this is usually a scam.
- The lottery will not call you and tell you that you have won, and they won’t ask you to send money.

If you have any questions, as always, call the Crestwood Police Department at (708) 385-5131.

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Is Your Trailer, Camper or Boat Parked Legally?

Residents parking their trailers, campers or boats in Crestwood should be aware of the Village ordinance regarding the proper storage of such vehicles. To ensure that you are in compliance, please be aware of the ordinance as it is written:

§ 159.126 TRAILER, CAMPER AND BOAT PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

(B) Parking restrictions in residential districts. No travel trailer, boat, boat trailer or commercial trailer, as herein defined, shall be parked or stored within three feet of any lot line nor within any front yard of R-1 and R-2 Residential Districts, as defined by §§ 159.004, 159.033 and 159.047.

2016 Vehicle Sticker Application Update

Vehicle sticker applications for 2016 will be mailed the week of November 23rd and go on sale Monday, December 1st. Starting this year, we are no longer mailing out individual applications to residents. The letter will be marked “vehicle sticker application enclosed.” Please follow the directions on the form, and, as in previous years, you may mail in your renewal or come in to the Village Hall to purchase your stickers. Residents who do not receive a renewal letter should please apply in person for your stickers.

Volunteer Opportunities: Together We Cope

It takes a lot of volunteers to get the job done at Together We Cope, including people looking to perform community service. If you are a student over age 16, you can volunteer in the food pantry, resale store or at a special event. Hundreds of teenagers ask to help out every year and spots fill up fast. To do your community service hours at Together We Cope, we need to hear from you at least one month before the day you want to start volunteering. Unfortunately, we cannot fill all student community service requests. To ask if dates are available, or to see if you qualify for performing court-ordered community service, email Tina Kessens or call her at **(708) 633-5040**.

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Energy & Information Fair to Help Residents With Heating Bills



On **Tuesday, Dec. 15th, from 9:30am-3:00pm**, an Energy & Information Fair will be held at the Elks Club (4428 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood). Sponsored by Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy, this event will help residents to determine if they may qualify for assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), a federally funded program providing support to needy low-income households for utility bill payments. LIHEAP pays partial energy bills for families that are eligible.

To determine eligibility, consult the adjacent table. To apply at the event, you must furnish proof of gross income for last 30 days, original Social Security cards for all household members, and current Nicor and ComEd utility bills.

For more LIHEAP information and dates, call the Link & Option Center at **(708) 331-4880**. For further details on the Energy & Information Fair, call the office of Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy at **(708) 389-2125**.

Income Guidelines [Effective July 1, 2014]			
Family Size	Gross Income for 30 days Prior to Application Date		
	*LIHEAP	ComEd Hardship	Share the Warmth
1	\$1,471	FUNDS	\$1,962
2	\$1,991	Exhausted	\$2,655
3	\$2,511	For	\$3,348
4	\$3,031	All	\$4,042
5	\$3,551		\$4,735
6	\$4,071		\$5,248

Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- » Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- » Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- » Never use your oven to heat your home.
- » Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- » Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- » Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- » Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- » Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- » Test smoke alarms monthly.

Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer’s instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the **risk** of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.

FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.

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Health & Family Fun Fair 2015



The 18th annual Community Fun Fair was a huge success this year. We would like to thank all of our vendors and residents who supported us. Over 3,000 people attended the fair this year and enjoyed an all you can eat pancake breakfast that was prepared by the chefs from Applebee's. Those that attended the fair visited over 50 vendor booths which included local business and crafters. Ingalls hospital was present and did hundreds of lab testing at reduced rates for our residents. Walmart provided flu shot.

All of our schools participated in our Fire Prevention Contest. Awards were handed out at the Fair and the pictures the children drew were on display for all to enjoy.

If you missed the Fair this year make sure to plan on visiting us next year.

Thank you to all our crafters, vendors, businesses who participated in this year's Health Fair!

Crestwood Girls Scouts Raking in Their Badges

Girl Scout troop 60795 participated in three badge-earning activities at Lake Katherine Nature Preserve. Girls had the opportunity to earn badges for outdoor skills, Tom Sawyer fishing, canoeing and waterfall walk. To earn their badges in fishing, the girls fashioned fishing poles from sticks and twine for their lines. Their fathers accompanied the young ladies on their fishing trip, which was very successful — the girls caught bluegill and some sunfish. The canoe trip was something special for the girls, as they got to paddle their own canoes with their families around the lake. This gave them a new perspective from the water out to the shoreline that they hadn't experienced. Finally, the waterfall walk — Lake Katherine graciously allowed the girls to use boots to tramp through the stream leading to the waterfall. This allowed the girls to view the different types of lake creatures and observe them in their habitat but the cherry on the cake for these scouts was they were able to walk behind the waterfall to see a shower curtain of water streaming in front of their eyes. This was something that they had never seen before. The troop had a fantastic time and a great opportunity to experience some new things close to home.

Troop 60795 also participated in some fall activities by visiting the Mr. Guzak's farm stand next to Nathan Hale School. The girls were able to pick pumpkins, ask questions, and identify the different types of foods that were grown right here in Crestwood. The girls participated in Halloween Craft projects, making door wreaths from flip flops bought at Menards, and a Halloween party with costumes and pizza from Bennies Pizza.



(Top Left to Right: Back Row: Katelyn, Mary (Nature Guide) Front Row: Emily, Caprice & Sarah (Bottom) Left to Right: Katelyn, Caprice & Emily

Ceremony and Tribute: 300 Make JROTC Military Ball Biggest Yet



Left to Right: Students enrolled in the U.S. Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps JROTC programs enter to post colors at the District 218 Military Ball. From left, District 218 JROTC instructors MSGT James Kirkland, CPO Dennis Reynolds, CDR Doug Groters, Major Dan Johnson, MSGT Chris Saberniak, and MSGT Kacie Hope. Richards High School students Sydney Torres and Brandon Jackson enjoy a laugh with Shepard High School JROTC instructor Major Dan Johnson (reflection in the mirror). Torres and Jackson were selected Duchess and Duke of the District 218 Military Ball.

More than 300 students enrolled in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs in District 218 gathered recently for the seventh annual Military Ball at the DoubleTree Hotel in Alsip.

The event has become a fall prom of sorts. Students wear formal dresses, suits, or military dress uniforms. They also experience an event that emulates traditional military balls of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

The event begins with a colorguard posting flags from all service branches. Then students deliver a series of toasts — they use glasses of water — with patriotic and military themes.

Perhaps the most poignant moment of the ball involves the carefully arranged POW/MIA tribute table. All military balls feature an empty table set with one place setting for soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who have died in service to the United States.

A student reads what each item at the table symbolizes. The chair remains empty, symbolizing the absence. A single red rose displayed in a vase serves as a reminder of the life of each missing person and their loved ones who keep faith while awaiting answers.

A red ribbon on the vase symbolizes the determination to account for those missing. An inverted glass represents their inability to share the evening’s toast.

District 218 graduate U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Dennis Powers, a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, served as guest speaker. Powers has worked on unmanned air systems for Special Operations Command, as a helicopter pilot, on the operational and test squadron for the MV-22 Osprey, and many other roles around the world.

Incarnation Students Inducted to National Honor Society



Ten students from Incarnation were inducted into the National Honor Society during Shepard High School’s National Honor Society Induction Ceremony which took place on Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 2015.

December 5
9am-3pm

Alan B. Shepard High School
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What Happens During NCYC?

The program includes keynote presentations, prayer, workshops, Mass, and opportunities to participate in reconciliation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as recreational activities, concerts, and exhibits. A key component of NCYC is the thematic park which is a blend of traditional exhibit booths with interactive areas featuring service projects, games, recreation, live musical performances, arts, and sports.

TRAIN Youth Minister, Mike Jacobsen and Chaperone/ Assistant Mary Stocklen made the personal sacrifice of sharing of their time to answer the call to serve by assembling this humbling and spiritual revival experience November 19th-21st. Teens from Marist and Shepard High School, all members of Incarnation Parish joined thousands of teens from across the nation in this intensive and energetic experience.



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'Miracle on 34th Street'

Fri., Dec. 11th, 7:00pm; Sat., Dec. 12th, 7:00pm; Sun., Dec. 13th, 2:00pm

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BAC Professional Theatre Series proudly presents a live musical production for the whole family. A little girl discovers dreams do come true if you really believe. This holiday classic from the writer of the musical theater classic The Music Man, is based on the movie of the same name. Miracle On 34th Street features a book and score by none other than Meredith Willson. This joyous, heartwarming musical is pure family entertainment, and the perfect way to put the spirit in your holiday! Directed and Choreographed by Shellee Frazee. For more information or to order tickets, call (773) 445-3838.

Worth Township Senior Lunch and a Movie: 'White Christmas'

Tues., Dec. 15th, 11:00am | 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip

Join fellow seniors for lunch with a classic — the 1954 musical, White Christmas, starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kane and Rosemary Clooney. When a successful song-and-dance team become romantically involved with a sister act, they team up to save the failing Vermont inn of their former commanding general. Cost: \$5. (Includes a box lunch: sandwich, chips, cookie, drink. Choice of turkey, tuna, roast beef, ham or salami.) Sign up and pay at the Clerk's office. Call (708) 371-2900 for more information.

Winter Solstice Bonfire

Mon., Dec. 21st, 7:00-8:30pm

**Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs**

Celebrate the shortest day of the year with a nature walk, bonfire and trimming of the wildlife tree. Family program; no organized groups, please. In-person registration required starting Dec. 1st. Cost: \$3. Call (708) 839-6897 for more information.

Winter Adventure Camp

Mon. Dec. 28-30, 9:30am-12:00pm

**Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs**

Explore the forest in search of animal tracks and their stories. Then warm up with hot chocolate and try cool winter experiments. Ages 8-10. Registration required Limit 15 kids. Cost: \$15. Call (708) 839-6897 to register.



Eat Out for Elim at Country House Restaurant

Do you have a hunger for equipping people with disabilities for God's mission? Well, look no further! Bring your appetites to the 4th Annual Eat Out for Elim fundraiser at **Country**

House Restaurant, located at **5400 W. 127th Street in Alsip, IL!** From 3-8 pm (note new hours!) on **Monday, January 26, 2015**, anyone can eat a great meal at the restaurant or carry out their food for the purposes of benefitting Elim's children and adults with disabilities. And it doesn't stop there! We will receive 30% of the proceeds that go to a great cause for our children and adults! So come on out and tell your family and friends about the scrumptious and beneficial Eat Out for Elim at Country House Restaurant!

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Christmas Decorating Fire Facts: An Eye-Opening Review

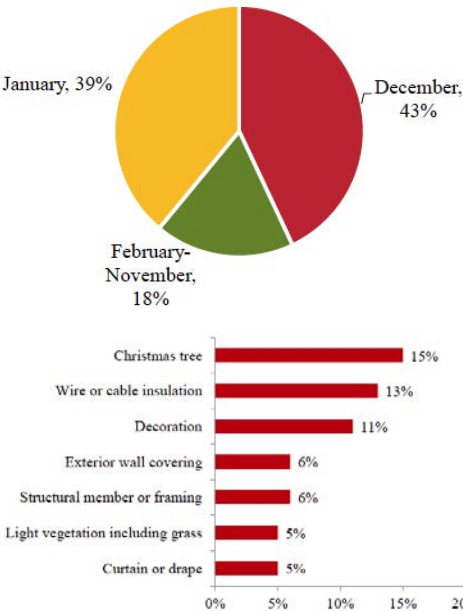
Christmas tree fires are a tragic part of the holiday every year. And sadly, it's a preventable phenomenon. In an effort to raise awareness and to impress upon Crestwood residents the importance of Christmas tree safety, we present a number of facts regarding just how wrong things can go if you're careless or unsafe with your holiday decorating:

- From the years 2007-2011, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 230 home structure fires that began with Christmas trees. On average, these fires were responsible for:
Six civilian fire deaths
22 civilian fire injuries
\$18.3 million in direct property damage
- Approximately one in every 40 reported home Christmas tree fires resulted in a death, compared to an average of one death per 142 total reported home fires.
- Four of every five Christmas tree fires occurred in December and January. Of the 10 days with the largest shares of Christmas tree fires, none took place before Christmas.
- Electrical problems were factors in 32 percent of home Christmas tree structure fires.
- Twelve percent of home Christmas tree structure fires involved decorative lights.
- Candles started 7 percent of home Christmas tree structure fires.
- Two of every five home Christmas tree structure fires started in the living room, family room or den.

per year, resulting in an average of:
9 civilian deaths
16 civilian injuries
\$8.4 million in direct property damage.

- Two out of five Christmas light home structure fires were reported in December and 12 percent occurred in January.
- In 15 percent of these fires, Christmas trees were the item first ignited. Something inflammable was too close to holiday lights in 19 percent of these fires.
- Falls are also a problem. A study found that approximately 5,800 people per year were treated at hospital emergency rooms for falls associated with holiday decorations during November to January.

Source: *Home Christmas Tree and Holiday Light Fires*, John R. Hall Jr., November 2013, via National Fire Prevention Association



(TOP) Home Structure Fires in Which Christmas Trees Were First Ignited By Month: 2007- 2011 (Bottom) Leading Items First Ignited in Holiday Light Home Structure Fires

From 2007-2011, decorative lights with line voltage were involved in an average of 150 home structure fires

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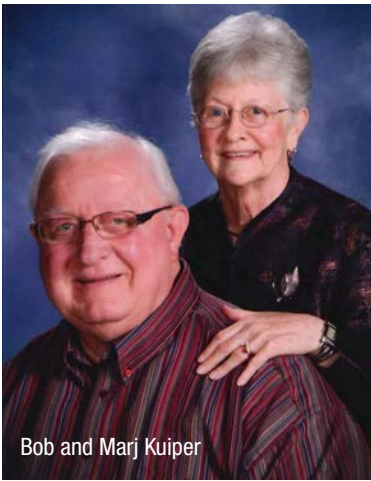
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Article Suggestions

Crestwood Adviser welcomes suggestions for articles — stories about residents, local events, random acts of kindness, and more! Please let us know what you think should be covered in your Village newspaper by emailing us at **info@crestwoodadviser.com**, calling Fanning Communications at **708-293-1430**, or bringing a hard-copy submission to the Village Hall at 13840 S. Cicero Avenue.



Crestwood Couple Celebrates Golden Anniversary

The family of Bob and Marjorie Pressman Kuiper would like to honor them with a card shower to celebrate their 50 years together.

They were married November 26, 1965, in the Morrison Christian Reformed Church. Their attendants were Carol Schaver and Steve Kuiper.

They are the parents of four proud children along with 13 grandchildren: Dean and Lisa Kuiper of Palos Heights and

children Melissa, Rebecca, Angela and Benjamin; Dwayne and Deb Kuiper of Tinley Park and children Shannon, Austin and Jady; Darrell and Kim Kuiper of McBain, Mich., and children Megan and Jesus Bustamante, Natalie, Olivia and Paige; Jim and Dawn Lyle of Burbank and sons Christopher and Brian.

Cards may be sent to: Bob and Marj Kuiper, 5715 Park Place, Crestwood, IL 60445.

Seniors Give Thanks for Biela Center



(Left to Right) Trustee Anthony Benigno and Mayor Lou Presta were on hand to help serve seniors at the Biela Center's Thanksgiving party last month. Marie Lynch and Pat Smith were happy to take part in the Biela Center's Thanksgiving party Nov. 17th.

would stretch into the afternoon's play.

Smith, who said she moved to Crestwood in 1994, considered herself lucky all of the time to be able to come to the Biela Center. "Let me tell you, this is the best place for seniors," she said. "They do not have to sit home and be just sitting there like a bump on a log. I think this place is wonderful."

The Biela Center was full once again as the Thanksgiving party held Tuesday, Nov. 17th, attracted seniors from Crestwood and other municipalities near and far. It was an extra-special afternoon, with Mayor Lou Presta and Trustee Anthony Benigno in attendance to serve the afternoon's guests. Trustee Benigno came bearing treats. "I work for USPS," he said. "I have a company on my route that likes to give back to the community, so I talked to them and they were able to provide us with some hairspray, today."

The gals with whom we spoke expressed their thanks for the unexpected gift of hairspray, but also for the event itself, the food and the company. Pat Smith, of Crestwood, was effusive. "So far, the hors d'oeuvres were great, the people are wonderful, and I'm having a good time," she said. "Then I'm going to have another Thanksgiving party. I had two Halloween parties. Now that I got old, I go to more parties than I did when I was young!"

Marie Lynch, also of Crestwood, was also glad to be in attendance. "I missed the Halloween party," she said, ruefully. "I had a prior engagement." As she anticipated the Thanksgiving bingo session, she remarked that she had recently won \$100 while purchasing a bingo card elsewhere. "I go in streaks," she said of her luck, hoping it

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Village & Biela Center Happenings

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<div>1</div> <div>12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>	<div>2</div> <div>11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Shopping 9:30 am 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>	<div>4</div> <div>NO LUNCH OR BINGO 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>
<div>7</div> <div>11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>	<div>8</div> <div>12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>	<div>9</div> <div>White Christmas - 10:30 AM 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>	<div>10</div> <div>12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>	<div>11</div> <div>11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>
<div>14</div> <div>11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Christmas Party - 11 AM 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>	<div>16</div> <div>11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>	<div>17</div> <div>12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>	<div>18</div> <div>11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Dessert 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>
<div>21</div> <div>11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>	<div>22</div> <div>12:00 p.m. Dessert 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>	<div>23</div> <div>11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Christmas Eve Closed</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Merry Christmas</div>

Closed: 28th thur 31st

DECEMBER 2015



Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year to all our senior friends. Thanks for your help during the year. — *The Biela Center Staff, Carol, Bernadine and Claudia*

Look What’s Cooking!!!

Lunch and bingo or a movie for over 50

Tuesday, December 1	Cheese pizza and salad
Friday, December 4	No Lunch, No Bingo
Tuesday, December 8	Beef Sandwich
Friday, December 11	Hot Dogs
Tuesday, December 15	CHRISTMAS PARTY (\$10)
Friday, December 18	Dessert & Bingo
Tuesday, December 22	Dessert & Bingo
Friday, December 25	Closed - Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 29	Closed
Friday, January 1, 2016	Closed - New Year's Day
Tuesday, January 5	Sloppy Joes

Enjoy a delicious lunch (\$4.00) at the Biela Center at noon. Bingo and a movie start at 1 p.m.. Please help us by making reservations. Reservations for Tuesday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Friday and reservations for Friday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Movies of the month to be shown at the Biela Center

Thank you to the Crestwood Library for donating these movies for our seniors to watch.

November 7 - 11	“Unlikely Angel”
November 14 - 18	“Elf”
November 21 - 23	“White Christmas”

Movies are shown Monday through Friday at 1 p.m.

Never A Dull Moment at the Biela Center

By now you know the Biela Center is located at 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, but do you know what goes on a daily basis? Senior citizens, you never have to be bored again.

Take a look at the many activities that wait for you here:

*Choose a senior fitness group that works best for you-one, two, or three times a week.

*Keep your driving privileges, and your freedom, by attending one of our frequent Rules of the Road classes held throughout the year.

*Every week we offer free movies for your enjoyment in a relaxed atmosphere.

*Lunch and bingo are offered Tuesdays and Fridays all year at the Biela Center.

*Free blood pressure screening is offered every month.

*Join us for some of our group trips to casinos, plays, theaters, and other interesting venues.

Chicago South Elks Lodge 1596

The Elks, in cooperation with the Biela Center, continue to collect pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House as well as eyeglasses, greeting cards, used cell phones and chargers for other charities.

For more information, contact the Elks at 708-597-7465 or the Biela Center at 708-371-4860, EXT 6001.

Sorry....No refunds can be made

We’ve often experienced last-minute cancellations for our various day trips. We have to make it clear that when reservations are confirmed, refunds will not be issued.

Therefore, no refunds can be given for any trip unless we have a waiting list or if you can find a replacement for your reserved space. When you register for a trip, you have two weeks to decide before payment.

Please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled departure time for a trip. We do publish the scheduled departure time for our trips. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Many passengers are very sensitive to strong perfumes and aftershaves. We ask that you think of others if you use them.

- ATTENTION -

If you have any special needs for seating on the bus please inform us when making reservations.

Senior Fitness Offered at the Biela Center

The Biela Center offers a great fitness class one, two, or three times a week, and you can work at your own pace. Feel better and sleep better.

Diana Esparza, our instructor, will guide you through your special needs. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:15 a.m.

The cost is \$30 for 24 classes, \$20 for 16 classes, \$10 for eight classes or a \$2 daily fee.

CASINO TRIPS

When making casino reservations, please have your card number or address and date of birth. Remember, you must have a valid picture ID at the casino....Winning more than \$1,199 requires showing your social security card.....!

Ameristar Casino

Enjoy the day gambling in East Chicago, Indiana at the Ameristar Casino. The trip includes 4 hours of fun and gaming and \$10 toward the lunch buffet.

When:	Thursday, January 21st, 2016
Time:	Depart 9 am - Return 3 pm
Cost:	\$27

Call 371-4860, ext. 6001 for reservations

"Horseshoe Casino"

Spend a pleasant winter's day at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana. Trip includes transportation and lunch buffet.

When:	Wednesday, February 24th, 2016
Time:	Depart 9 am - Return 4:30 pm
Cost:	\$27

Call 371-4860, ext. 6001 for reservations

"Blue Chip Casino"

Enjoy a day at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, Indiana. The trip includes 4 hours of gambling, a buffet lunch and \$10 in E-Play after 1,000 points.

When:	Thursday, March 17th
Time:	Depart 8:45 am - Return 4 pm
Cost:	\$27

Call 371-4860, ext. 6001 for reservations

"Shopping Downtown"

Spend the day finding those last minute gifts for Christmas. You will be dropped off at the Christkindl Market at Daley Plaza, then you are free to shop and have lunch on your own.

When:	Thursday, December 3rd
Time:	Depart 9:30 am; Return 4:00pm
Cost:	\$26 (transportation only)

"Christmas Luncheon - December 15th"

When:	Tuesday, December 15th
Time:	Appetizers at 11 a.m. Lunch at noon Bingo & Raffles at 1 p.m.
Cost:	\$10.00

Bingo for those attending lunch. Make reservations by December 8th. Call 371-4860 ext. 6001.

"Rules of the Road Here on March 14th"

Secretary of State, Jesse White, in cooperation with local organizations, will offer a Rules of the Road review course at the Biela Center free of charge.

The two-hour session helps prepare drivers for the Illinois driver license exam. Topics include written, vision and road tests.

When:	Monday, March 14, 2016
Time:	1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Lunch at noon

"Upcoming Trips"

"Route 66" Tour	April 27th
Theatre at the Center	May 25th
"Nice Work if you Can Get it"	
Shrine of Christ's Passion	June 8th
"Best Friends Trip"	July 20th

Attention Seniors!!!

The Crestwood Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet on the First and Third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

The club does an array of activities at their meetings. Coffee and sweet rolls are available to be enjoyed as the members visit with each other; planned activities are enjoyed on holidays. For the holidays, the club becomes community involved. The members make favors and bring in presents for nursing home residents...

Consider joining a fun group. Please stop in on club day for further information.

Also, the Biela Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet at the Biela Center on the second and fourth Monday at 12:30 pm. Call the Biela Center for more information.

ATTENTION ALL CARD PLAYERS!!!

Crestwood's senior card players are looking for new members to join them for pinochle at the Biela Center on Thursdays at noon. If interested, stop in on Thursdays at noon.



“Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas” —CALVIN COOLIDGE

- REMINDER -

Don’t be disappointed when trips are cancelled. Please sign up as soon as possible. We have deadlines for booking the trips.
- *The Biela Center*

NO BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING IN DECEMBER WILL RESUME JANUARY 20TH.

HEARING SCREENING WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE AT THE BIELA CENTER

If you would like to be tested contact Bruce at the Audibel Center for Hearing Excellence 14164 South Cicero Avenue | Tel: 708-385-3332 to set up an appointment.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS: Doing It Right the First Time: Awesome Automotive



Ed at Awesome Automotive didn't see the need to give us his last name — he's confident that the quality of his business speaks for itself.

You can't see it when you're driving along Cicero Ave., but it's there. Awesome Automotive hides behind Pockets Billiard Hall, but it's there, and its staff is ready to help get you back on the road. We talked to Ed, the owner of Awesome Automotive, to discuss the business, his work, and that always-burning question, "Where you at?"

"Where you at? How long you been there?" Ed laughs, citing the most-asked questions he gets on a daily basis. "We're going into our sixth year here, in February." That's six years for Ed in this location, mind you — Ed himself has been repairing cars

professionally a bit longer. "I've been doing this for 26 or 27 years ... maybe longer than that. Maybe 28 or 30 years. Time flies and I forget."

What he doesn't forget, though, is the need that people have to get their cars repaired promptly and properly — the first time. "We specialize in pretty much everything," Ed says. "We do a lot of diagnostics here — emissions and stuff like that. We have an A rating with the state for emissions; we have an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau. We do a lot of hard-to-find things, that other places can't find."

Drivability issues are the biggest concern Ed deals with every day at Awesome Automotive. To him, it's a pretty routine conversation: "'The "check engine" lights keep coming on. I've had it at five other places. It hasn't been fixed. I'm tired of spending money.' We diagnose it and fix it for a fair price. That's pretty much what we do. A lot of drivability stuff that can't be fixed. But we do brakes, oil leaks, suspension — pretty much anything."

Service for computer and electrical issues is another aspect of what they offer, from programming as needed to finding that elusive wire that's gone bad. This is where Awesome Automotive starts to shine, with its willingness to get into the inner workings of your vehicle to really find out what's wrong, versus making an assumption and just selling you a part to replace. If the car isn't starting, for example, it might be the starter. "You have to question if there's something going on," he says. "Is it that cheap, \$80 starter that you get six starts out of it and then you're done?" But if it's not certain that the starter is at issue, that's when Ed and his staff really are at their best. "It's finding it — you're digging in a bowl of spaghetti looking for that one wire that's broken."

Because Awesome Automotive is a locally owned, independent shop, not a franchise, no fees have to be paid to a corporate entity up the ladder, which means savings for Ed's customers. It also means that he can seek out the best parts possible for less money. "There's nothing more true in this field, as far as with parts — you get exactly what you pay for," he explains. "Some of them, I don't know what they use — some of them, they use some pretty cheap brake pads, and stuff like that. All that does is aggravate you. You've got to fix your car — you want to fix it, but you don't want to be back five times for the same problem. Once and done, and I don't see you again. ... A lot of the stuff we use here — Delco, Motorcraft — is a lot of top-name stuff, without the really high price. You're happy and we don't see you back."

"That's part of the problem, too — if you fix it too good, you don't see them," he chuckles.

For more information and a few specials, see Awesome Automotive's website at www.awesomeautomotive.com.

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Murphy's Annual 'Giving Tree' Holiday Collection Drive



Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy encourages residents to donate toys, games, winter clothing and pajamas to the Giving Tree holiday collection drive.

Traditionally the holiday season is a time to give — a time to help those less fortunate than ourselves. In keeping with that holiday spirit, Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy has joined the ongoing efforts of local charities to provide toys and other gifts to help brighten the holidays for families in need.

Murphy's "Giving Tree" collection drive is now accepting donations of new children's toys and games. Help keep away the winter cold with new winter hats, gloves, scarves, slippers and socks. New pajamas of all sizes are also much needed. "There is no greater joy then the joy of giving, of knowing you have made someone's life a little better, a little happier. Your generosity will make the holidays more meaningful," Commissioner Murphy said.

Donations must be dropped off no later than Wednesday, December 16th, at Commissioner Joan Murphy's District office located at 5405 W. 127th Street in Crestwood. Office hours are 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. All items donated to Murphy's "Giving Tree" will be delivered to local charitable organizations to be distributed to local families.

For more information please call Patrice Capuzzi at Cook County Commissioner Joan Murphy's Office 708-389-2125.

Keep the Wreath Red Program



On November 26, 2015, The Crestwood Fire Department once again will team up with the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and neighboring departments for the “Keep the Wreath Red” program. This year, the program will run from Thanksgiving Day — Thursday, November 26th — through January 5th, 2016. “Keep the Wreath Red” is a holiday fire safety program designed to increase fire safety awareness. A holiday wreath will hang

outside the Crestwood Fire House Main Entrance located at 13840 S. Cicero Ave., Crestwood. In the event of a holiday related fire, firefighters will replace one of the red bulbs with a white one. The goal is to keep the bulbs on that wreath red. Fire safety reminders for the holiday season include:

Please keep fire hydrants clear and accessible. Do not place anything around the fire hydrant, such as garbage containers and excessive piles of snow that would limit its use or make it difficult to find in an emergency.

Check all of your illuminated decorations to make sure they are in good condition. Light strands that have frayed or cracked wires should be thrown away and replaced with UL-approved devices. Outdoor cords should be approved for exterior uses and indoor cords should not be placed under

carpets or throw rugs.

Keep live Christmas trees watered frequently. Be aware of your tree’s life, and when it becomes brittle, discontinue using the lights. Always turn off the lights when leaving your home.

Make sure your fireplace is in good working order and the chimney is free from obstructions and creosote buildup. Christmas wrappings and tree branches are not to be burned in the fireplace. Their intense and rapid burning can cause chimney fires and flames to extend out of the firebox into your home.

Be careful with candle use. Never leave candle unattended and always place them out of reach of children.

Do not overload extension cords or outlets with excessive holiday lights. Follow the manufacturers’ recommendations. Also be conscious of where you place extension cords. Keep them away from heaters, out from underneath rugs and anywhere else that they may become damaged.

As always, check your smoke detectors and make sure they are in good working order. If you did not change the batteries when you changed your clocks on daylight savings time, change them now.

If you should have any further questions or need any further information please contact the Crestwood Fire Department at 708-371-4800.



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Artists Urged to Attend Roundtable for Proposed Crestwood Art Council

Trustees Flynn and Madlener recently were invited to attend an arts roundtable by Palos Art Council (PAC).

Many communities were represented at the roundtable meeting, as were St. Xavier, Governor State University, and Beverly Art Center, to discuss what our communities are doing in relation to the arts.

While the Village has zero dollars dedicated to the arts, we have seen both our Library and Rec Center provide some level of art appreciation; whether it is dance, drama, jewelry making, poetry etc. The Village hopes to put together an Art Council, starting at ground level. We need your input and as discussed at this recent roundtable, the resounding response from those experienced in Art Councils was to gather the people first.

So, we look to our residents to join us for our first roundtable of local talent. **Thursday, February 11th at 7pm**, is our tentative date scheduled to meet at the Biela Center to share ideas for the development of art-related activities for our Village. Palos Heights, our neighbor, has been wonderful to watch their appreciation of the arts grow with public murals, and a sculpture park. Email or phone either Trustee Madlener or Flynn with any questions. Please join us for an informal discussion on what’s next.

Palos Community Hospital Offers Support for the Grieving




The death of a loved one is a life-changing experience, and often, people may not have the means to cope with the change all on their own. Palos Community Hospital offers its Conversation & Comfort Support Group, an adult drop-in support group, to help those grieving the recent loss of a loved one. Participation in the program is free. **Call (630) 257-1111 for dates, times and location.**

Shepard Invites You to Experience ‘A Little Bit of Germany’

Just in time to warm up your winter, Alan B. Shepard High School will offer “A Little Bit of Germany” to area residents at the school’s cafeteria (13049 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights) **Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 2016, from 4-8pm**. The event, a benefit for students traveling to the Goethe Gymnasium Germersheim in Germersheim, Germany, this June, promises a night of food, music and plenty of Gemütlichkeit. From 4-7pm, a dinner of bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, bread and butter, coffee, water and cider will be served, with the option for soda and root beer available for purchase. Pretzels and baked goods also will be for sale, as will raffle tickets for available prizes. As in the past, the German band Paloma will be back to serve as the evening’s musical entertainment.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Jennifer Fischer at jennifer.fischer@chsd218.org or (708) 371-1111 x3073.

A Little Bit of Germany



When: Saturday, January 23rd 2016 from 4-8 pm

Where: Alan B. Shepard High School Cafeteria

Alan B. Shepard High School – Enter through **Door 12** in the back
13049 S. Ridgeland Avenue
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Cost: \$10 for Adults \$5 Children 12 and under

Includes Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Bread and Butter, coffee, water or cider. Dinner will be served from 4-7 pm.
Soda and Root Beer will be available for purchase.

The German Band “**Paloma**” will be back to entertain us at the event.

BAKED GOODS! **RAFFLE PRIZES!** **PRETZELS!**

*All proceeds will go to fund our trip to Goethe Gymnasium Germersheim in June 2016!
Please help support our exchange program!*

December Adult Programming at Crestwood Public Library

Free Hearing Screening
Did you know that 1 in 5 Americans suffers some form of hearing loss? Get your free hearing health screening from Zounds at the library! Please register for a time slot. Space is limited.
Thursday, December 14 2:30 PM

Free eBook checkout for your eReader, iPad or Kindle.
We have TWO eBook databases for you to explore and choose from. And best of all they are free and there are no late fees! To learn more about eRead Illinois and Media on Demand, visit our website today!
www.crestwoodlibrary.org

Free Computer Classes
Need some one-on-one practice with your computer skills? Sign up for a 45 minute session with one of our librarians on select Fridays during the month.
Call for available dates and times.

Book Discussion Club
Be sure to pick up a copy of our latest Book Club read from our front desk!!
We'll be meeting again on
Wednesday, December 2, at 6:00 PM..

Remember to visit our website: www.crestwoodlibrary.org
or call 708-371-4090 for all program details

December Events at Crestwood Public Library Youth Programming

Smartypants Big Holiday Balloon Show and Santa Visit
Come join the fun as we get ready for the Holidays with Santa Claus and Smartypants. Smartypants and Miss Dena return to the library with their BIG HOLIDAY BALLOON SHOW with a special appearance by Santa & Mrs. Claus! Wednesday, December 2, 2015 6:00pm All Ages. Free Tickets at the front desk! Bring your camera for those holiday pictures!

Gingerbread House Decorating
Parent and child can come to the library to decorate a pre-built gingerbread house. All supplies and candies will be provided. Cost \$5.00 per house Limit one adult and 2 children per house Tuesday, December 8 from 6-7pm.

Polar Express- Pajama Time
Children ages 4-9, come to the library in their P.J.'s and take a ride on the Polar Express. Hear the story, make a craft to take home and have some cookies and hot chocolate!
Tues., Dec. 22, 5:30-7:00pm
Space limited to 15

Tween Time - Gift Giving
Tweens grades 3-8 can come make beaded gifts to give this holiday season.
Tuesday, December 15 from 5-6 pm Limit of 12

Brown Bag Movie Mondays
Bring your lunch and watch a movie on our big screen! Ages 4 & up.
Mon. Dec 21 & 28. Movie begins at 12:30. Popcorn provided!

Little Rembrandts
Children grades K-4 can come to the library to try different types of art techniques one afternoon a month. December's art project will be ornament making. Thur. Dec. 10 at 4:00pm
Space limited to 15 people per class.

After School Club
Kids grades K-2 join us in December for reindeer stories and crafts. Cookies and juice will be served
Dec. session: Thurs., Dec. 17, 3:30-4:30pm
limit of 15

Duct Tape Ornaments
Kids grades K-5 come to the library to make cool ornaments out of duct tape. All supplies provided
Grade K-5 Saturday, December 19 at 2:00

Family Bingo
Kids bring mom and/or dad to the library for an evening of Family Bingo. All ages welcome with adult
Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at 6:00pm
please register

Winter Story Time and Tiny Tots
Registration for our new session of story time and tiny tots begins January 4, 2016
Story time for ages 3-8 will meet Thursday at 12:00pm
Tiny Tots for ages 12-36 months with adult, will meet Friday at 10:30am.
Space is limited. Registration needed. Session dates will be Jan. 14- Feb. 26, 2016.

Registration Required for all programs. Call 708-371-4090 for more info.

Holiday Pet Supply Collection for Animal Welfare Animal Shelter



All cat and dog supplies, especially dry food, canned cat food, jars of baby meat puree, and cat litter are needed. Dog & cat toys, treats, collars and leashes are also needed. Bring all donations to the library from November 23- December 19, 2015

Stop in for a complete list of items needed

Book Buddies an Ongoing Success at Crestwood Public Library

Members of the Future Educators of America from Shepard High School came to Crestwood Library on Wednesday, Nov. 18th, to read to children ages 3-7. Book Buddies is a monthly event in which different student organizations come and read stories and make a small craft with children ages 3-7. The next Book Buddies event is January 20th, 2016, at 7:00pm.

To participate in future Book Buddies events, please register with the Crestwood Public Library.



Children Pictured: Molly, Jason, Ethan, Rodney, Lily, Alize, Madalyn, and Christopher. Back Row: Members of Shepard High School Future Educators of America: Douha, Reem and Noor.

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Crestwood History: Did You Know?

- In 1972, under the guidance of Mrs. Chris Scalletto, the Village's ecology commission was formed, spending the first Saturday of each month collecting newspapers, bottles and cans in an effort to clean up the Village and, at the same time, help it — funds that were earned were used to plant trees in the parks, purchase playground equipment and to advance leukemia research.
- If you were in Crestwood in 1928, you could take a streetcar from the turntable at Rock Island Station at Midlothian to Springfield Ave., to 143rd St. and then to the Midlothian Country Club grounds.
- Traffic at 135th and Crawford didn't merit four-way stop signs in fall of 1949. By December 1955, signal lights controlling the intersection were in use, indicating the sort of growth that was taking place in the Village at that time.
- In May 1963, with a vacancy provided by the resignation of then Fire Chief Charles Kelly, the firemen elected Jack Polensky Sr. to serve as the new chief. He was officially appointed May 16 of that year, at a salary of \$55/year.



— Park Lawn Announces New Program: Discovering Choice —



Park Lawn's new Discovering CHOICE program will create opportunities for learning, for employment and community involvement for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Discovering CHOICE (Creating Heartfelt Options in the Community), Park Lawn’s new program creates opportunities that increase knowledge and exploration in the community including employment opportunities, skills development, leisure pursuits and volunteerism.

In order to meet the program’s needs, Park Lawn found a new “home” in the Village of Crestwood, located at 4715 West 135th Street. Construction on the space is nearing completion and the program

is expected to begin late fall. An open house (11:00am-1:00pm) and ribbon-cutting ceremony (noon) are slated to take place Friday, Jan. 22nd.

“Park Lawn is excited to provide this opportunity for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and look forward to partnering with the community to achieve this goal. I would like to thank the Village of Crestwood for a warm welcome into the community,” said Park Lawn Executive Director Steve Manning.

Founded in 1955, Park Lawn is a nonprofit organization that provides adult developmental training, vocational services, supported employment, residential services, and recreational activities to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

For more information about Park Lawn please visit www.parklawn.com.

In Loving Memory

Winniefred “Winnie” Piorkowski, 84 years of Crestwood. Winnie was born on April 12, 1931, and passed away on Friday, November 20, 2015. She is the beloved wife of Aloysius. Proud mother of Walter (Kathy), Alan (Dawn), Jim, Virginia (Douglas) Welbes, John, Edward, Deborah (the late Dennis) Maxson, Michelle (John) Marsh, Arthur, Robert and the late Patricia, deceased 1960 “Our Angel in Heaven.” Loving grandmother of Kristin, Jason, Alyssa, Alex, David, Ross, Sam, Brandi, Lorraine, Jay, Alexis and Ashley. Cherished great grandmother of Chloe, Colton, Camden and Logan. Dear sister of Carolyn (Bill) Hundt, Norbert (Marilyn) Wylie and the late George (Priscilla) Wylie and Barbara (the late George) McClure. Visitation Tuesday from 3 - 9 P.M. Funeral Wednesday, 9:15 A.M. from the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, to St. Alexander Church for a 10 A.M. Mass. Interment private at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to Misericordia Home, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 marked to benefit Robert Piorkowski Resident # 6009A. 708 824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com

Geraldine (Jeri) Caulfield With her family surrounding her, Geraldine (Jeri) Caulfield, age 79, passed away peacefully in her Crestwood home on October 25, 2015. Jeri was a cherished mother of six, devoted grandmother of 18, loving great grandmother of 12, beloved sister of two, and countless others whom she considered family. She will be remembered for her bright eyes, kind smile, strong faith and caring soul. Jeri is best known for her welcoming nature, her beautiful yard, her butterfly decor and her love of shopping for the best bargains. Jeri is survived by her children, Michael (Rhonda) Hoge, Teri Hoge, Kevin Hoge, Brian (Gina) Hoge, Diane (Steve) Campbell, Daniel Hoge, and her sisters, Sr. Marguerite “Peg” Caulfield, IBVM and Barbara (deceased Jack) Casey. A memorial Mass was held on Saturday, Nov. 7th, 2015, at Incarnation Church in Palos Heights. A luncheon at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th Street, Oak Forest immediately followed the Mass. Donations be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation, 355 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017. Arrangements entrusted to Becvar & Son Funeral Home, Crestwood, 708-824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com.

John F. Colby, 97 years, of Crestwood, beloved husband of the late Gertrude, nee Noga. Devoted father of Jacalyn Colby, Jill Ragauskis, and the late Johnny. Loving grandfather of Paul, Jamie Dunford, Thomas and Adam Ragauskis, and Pauline Walsh. A visitation and prayers took place Wednesday, November 18th at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 West 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, Illinois. Arrangements entrusted to Becvar & Son Funeral Home, Crestwood, 708-824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com.

Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

Holiday Decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer’s instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so that the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

Holiday Entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.

- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

Before Heading Out or to Bed
Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

Facts:

- Two of every five home decoration fires are started by candles.
- Nearly half of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

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*Sudoku and Crossword Answers appear in next issue

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FOR SALE

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Knaack heavy-duty pickup tool box; air conditioner - 5000 BTU; Jack Nicklaus MacGregor golf clubs/bag/balls; 1967 Buick 430-4 engin w/4-spd tran; 1-piece oval marble vanity top (white/grey); Chevrolet bench seat; aluminum gantry w/10' l-beam; wire shelving. Contact Rich at (708) 371-2755.

FOR SALE

16-inch kids' Roadmaster bicycle; Astro third seat - new; bricklayer's scaffolding; oak built-in ironing board; suspended ceiling panels; laminated wall & base cabinets; gas cans; large plastic party buckets w/rope handles; Toledo balance scale, much more. Contact Rich at (708) 371-2755.

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Dinner table with four chairs, with matching buffet, and china cabinet, with leaves and pads. Asking for \$300 for all items. For more info contact James at (708) 228-4423.

FOR SALE

Slot machine w/keys, book, 300+ tokens \$250. Curta calculator w/leather case, can & book \$1200 4 car collection – Richard Petty race cars \$600 Home-made quilts \$35 ea, multiples discounted. For more info contact Kathy via text or call at (708) 228-4423.

SUDOKU

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 – 9, without repeating any.

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November Sudoku Solution

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November Crossword Solution

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ACROSS

- 1 Not who
- 5 Heroic
- 9 Spray weapon
- 13 Shoshonean
- 14 Official document
- 16 Asian country
- 17 Cain killed him
- 18 Afloat (2 wds.)
- 19 Smart person
- 20 Holy man
- 21 Painters and sculptors
- 23 Cycles per second
- 26 Upon
- 27 Sacred song
- 29 Wan
- 30 Pacific Time
- 33 Dried flowers & spices
- 35 Three
- 36 Caviar
- 37 School group

- 38 Clutch
- 41 Tender loving care
- 42 Building addition
- 43 Niche
- 46 Compass point
- 47 Green Gables dweller
- 49 Hurts
- 50 Intent
- 51 Poem
- 52 Train (2 wds.)
- 56 Need
- 60 U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 61 Secret messages
- 65 Skim
- 66 Snaky fish
- 67 Gushes
- 68 Otherwise
- 69 24 hour periods
- 70 Garrison
- 71 Cook

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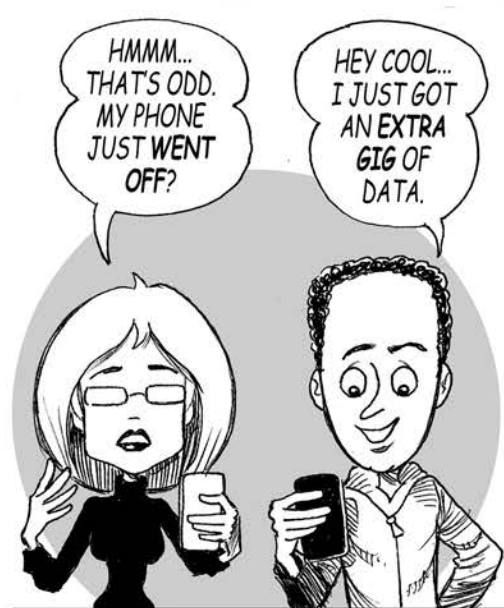
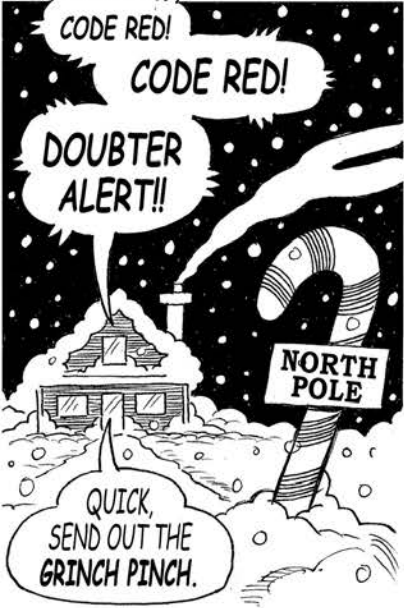
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- 2 Tramp
- 3 Begin
- 4 Dairy drink lid (2 wds.)
- 5 Terminal abbr.
- 6 Hole
- 7 Possessive pronoun
- 8 Laving
- 9 Brief
- 10 Greek god of war
- 11 Barrow
- 12 Aborts
- 15 Ground
- 22 Ball
- 24 Set down firmly
- 25 Indecent language
- 26 Rowing device
- 27 Swimmers needs
- 28 Inscribed stone

- 30 Mountain climbing tool
- 31 Grain storage towers
- 32 Mark
- 33 President (abbr.)
- 34 Tight
- 39 Dog food brand
- 40 Ornament
- 44 Gauze
- 45 TV rating
- 47 Electric spark
- 48 Association
- 52 Regretted
- 53 Afloat
- 54 Lazily
- 55 Child
- 57 American Civil Liberties Union (abbr.)
- 58 Drum
- 59 Leg joint
- 62 Twosome
- 63 Stray
- 64 Fast plane

Crestwood's very own ongoing strip,...

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JOB LISTING: Executive Assistant – South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, Hazel Crest

The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) seeks to hire an Executive Assistant. The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association is a Council of Government representing 44 communities in southern Cook and Will Counties. The Association is involved in transportation, housing, economic development, open space, environmental, broadband and other issues important to our member communities and our region. See www.ssmma.org for more information.

Position Description

Individual reports to the Executive Director and the Finance Director.

Essential Functions

1. Staff support to the Executive Director, typing memos, letters, meeting notices and meeting minutes; responds to requests of member Mayors and Managers.
2. Plans and coordinates bi-monthly SSMMA dinner meetings, as well as other Association meetings and events. Coordinates SSMMA annual golf outing, legislative breakfast, training workshops and other special projects.
3. Staff support to SSMMA’s Finance Director including invoicing for membership dues and other items such as meetings and special SSMMA services; records payments received and other financial support activities as directed by the Finance Director.
4. Create and maintain various databases of SSMMA membership and committees, as well as other federal, state, county and local agencies and partners.
5. SSMMA’s liaison to the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative.
6. Responsible for coordinating maintenance of office equipment, computer software and telephone system.

Knowledge Skills and Abilities

Must be a self-starter who has good communication skills. In addition, must be able to work with SSMMA staff and SSMMA communities who are very diverse and have different needs and issues.

Education and Experience

A minimum of a high school diploma is required, but an Associates or Bachelor’s degree is desired. A minimum of five years of experience in similar work is preferred, and a background in bookkeeping or accounting is desirable.

Office Automation Skills

Proficient in all Microsoft Office Professional 2013 programs

This position is a full-time position with a salary range of \$45,000 to \$50,000 dependent on education and experience. Benefits will be provided.

Contact Information

Send your resume and cover letter no later than 4:00pm, December 4th, 2015, to SSMMA Executive Director Ed Paesel at paesel@ssmma.org.

The position will remain open until filled. The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association is an equal opportunity employer.

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To schedule a walk-through or to get additional information.

Crestwood T-Ball Registration for 2016 Season

- Where:** Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center
135th and Long (Across from Nathan Hale)
- When:** Going on Now
Ages: Boys & Girls 5 years old (by December 31, 2016) through 7 years old
- Season:** Cost: Free for residents, \$25 for non-residents
- World’s Finest Chocolate fundraiser for everyone
 - Price includes shirt, hat, pictures and trophy

- Games are played at Walker Park (139th & Laramie):**
- Wednesdays at 6pm and Saturdays at 10am
 - Season runs from late April till mid-June
 - Teams are picked and practices start in March/April

Goal of Crestwood T-Ball: The Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center (CWRC) has announced that registration is now open for the 2016 T-ball season. Boys and girls age 5 (by Dec. 31, 2015) through 7 years are eligible to participate in this program, with the goal of teaching the fundamentals of baseball and

softball in a low-pressure, friendly environment, where players can enjoy the game and have fun, and develop the desire to do so for years to come, while at the same time learning to associate and play well with others.

T-ball is played with a cloth ball. Players can hit singles, doubles, triples and even an occasional homer. Base coaches guide the child on how far they can advance depending on how well they hit the ball and how they run. Just as good hitting is rewarded, good fielding is as well. Coaches in the field help the players but don’t assist or interfere in plays. The number of batters per inning is limited, keeping game times reasonable. Games typically last about 75 minutes — normally three or four innings. Players hit off of a batting T so that they can concentrate on developing a good swing.

The season runs from late April to mid-June, with teams being picked and practices commencing in March/April of 2016. Games are played at Walker Park (139th & Laramie Ave) Wednesdays at 6:00pm, and Saturdays at 10:00am.



Registration for T-ball is FREE to Crestwood residents, and \$25 for non-residents. (Price includes shirt, hat, pictures and trophy.) Everyone’s participation in a World’s Finest Chocolate fundraiser helps to support the program.

No aluminum bats are allowed — the ball reacts too quickly for the young players.

For more information, contact the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center at (708) 371-4810.

SPORTS

See Kelli Run!

- SSC Conference Champion (2nd year in a row)
- All-Regional--4th Place (18:50) (10/24/15 hosted by Sandburg High School at Midlothian Meadows)
- 13th at Sectionals (18:41) (State Qualifier)
- 127th at State (18:25)



Kelli Callahan has done an exceptional job as a member of Alan B. Shepard's Cross Country team this year, leading the team to conference titles and herself to personal bests.

Junior Shepard student, **Kelli Callahan**, of Crestwood, was the varsity conference champion for the second year in a row. She earned All-Regional honors by taking 4th place at our regional meet.

Kelli ran outstanding at Sectionals hosted by Hinsdale Central at Katherine Legge Park on 10/31/15. She finished 13th overall against a competitive field and qualified for state as the second individual qualifier. Kelli doesn't go out hard the first mile, she goes out reserved and then runs her best the last mile. At sectionals this strategy worked for her because the course was hilly and muddy because it was raining all day. She was in 30th place at the two-mile and was able to move up 17 places in the last mile of the race. She is a tough competitor, so when the conditions are bad, she runs better.

She ran her best 3-mile time of 18:25 at the IHSA State Finals on November 7th. This was the fastest girls 3A state championship in the history of the state. Girls go out really hard and are able to maintain the pace because the course is flat and the adrenaline of it being the state finals. (It was the fastest girls state

championship ever. The winner, Judy Prendergast from Naperville North, ran 15:53 for three miles and there were 19 girls in the race that ran under 17:00. Prendergast is the first girl to run under 16:00 for three miles. Kelli ran the second-fastest time (18:25) for a Shepard girl at Detweiller Park. (Lauren Loomis, class of 2013, ran 17:48 in 2012.)

Coach Angela Ochoa proudly stated, "I was really happy with Kelli's performance this season. She is a disciplined athlete and has set high, but attainable goals for herself. She very talented, but she does not know how good she is, yet. I'm hoping that track will build up her confidence so that next season she's mentally ready to compete with the caliber of competition that she is capable of competing with."



JOE NEWHALL

Shepard's Newhall Impresses at Regional/Sectionals

Joe Newhall, a junior at Shepard High School, scored an 81 at the IHSA Class 3A Regional at Silver Lake North in Orland Park, advancing to the Sectionals held at Spencer T. Olin Golf Course, Alton, Ill., on Oct. 12th, 2015.

Fast-Pitch Softball Registration Now Open

Registration for the 2016 season of girls' fast-pitch softball is underway. All girls age 7-18 are welcome to register at the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center (5331 W. 135th St., Crestwood) through Dec. 31, 2015.

General indoor practices will start in January. Regular outdoor team practices start in March, weather permitting. The season runs from April to mid-June.

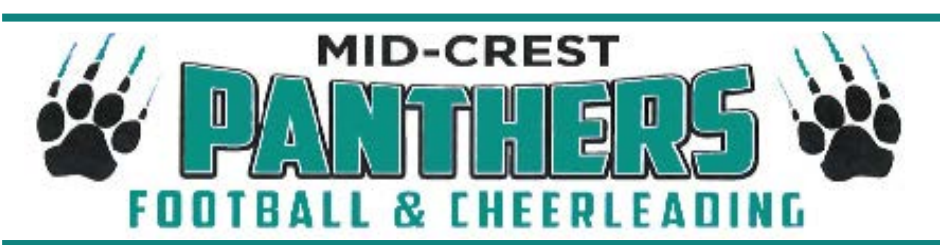
Girls new to the Crestwood Fast Pitch Softball Association must bring a copy of their birth certificate to register. Residents must provide a driver's license at the time of registration. Registration is FREE for Crestwood residents. Non-residents fee is \$175 for the season (\$125 due at registration). Fundraisers for everyone will be held during the season.

For more information, call (708) 597-1940 or email Bmadr@aol.com.



Kids Play for Free!

Mayor Louis Presta would like to invite all Crestwood residents to please start registering your child or children for T-ball, Baseball, Softball and Football for the 2016 season. Please look for more information in the paper on each sport, or call the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center at (708) 371-4810.



Crestwood Baseball Association Information—2016 Season		
Ages:	Divisions:	Cost: FREE for Crestwood Residents \$100.00 for Non-Residents
7-8 years	Pinto (Coach Pitch)	
9-10 years	Mustang	Additional Non-resident child discount - \$15.00 off per child even if in different divisions.
11-12 years	Bronco	
13-14 years	Pony	Season: Season runs mid - April until mid-July. The Colt season starts later (end of May to accommodate kids playing high school baseball.
15-16 years	Colt	

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For more information about the 2016 season, contact Joe, the Director of Baseball Operations at the Crestwood Rec & Wellness Center located at 5331 W. 135th Street, Crestwood, IL 60445. Visit www.crestwoodbaseball.com or call (708) 371-4800, ext. 2014 to register TODAY!

REGISTRATION FEES FOR 2016 SEASON			
*****CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS REGISTER FOR FREE!!!!*****			
	WED Feb 17TH	WED April 20TH	WED June 22 ND
1st child	\$115.00	\$125.00	\$135.00
2nd child	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
3rd child	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
4th child	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$80.00
WHERE: Crestwood Rec Center 5331 W. 135th Street 6-8 pm			
Initial Fundraising Obligation -- 100% recoupable for participants			
1st child	PARTICIPATION	\$100.00 or \$80.00 (BUY OUT)	
2nd Child	PARTICIPATION	\$50.00 or \$40.00 (BUY OUT)	
(additional fundraising will be required throughout season)			
+ \$75.00 Participation Obligation -- 100% Refunded after hours fulfilled and ALL equipment returned			
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